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DECLARATION OF SHYAM S. MOHAPATRA, PH.D., UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.132

Sir:

I, Shyam S. Mohapatra, Ph.D., of the University of South Florida, hereby declare:

THAT, I am a professor within the College of Medicine at the University of South Florida;

THAT, my *curriculum vitae* is attached hereto as Exhibit A;

THAT, I am a co-inventor of the technology described and claimed in patent application Serial No. 10/655,873 (hereinafter referred to as the '873 application);

THAT, I have read and understood the specification and claims of the '873 application, the Office Actions dated January 13, 2005, October 17, 2005, and December 15, 2005, and the references cited in the foregoing Office Actions;

THAT, I am a co-author on the following publication: Kumar *et al.*, "IFN- γ and IL-12 plasmid DNAs as vaccine adjuvant in a murine model of grass allergy", *J. Allergy Clin. Immunol.*, 2001, 108:402-408;

THAT, through my years of research, I have kept up to date on the technical literature and maintained contact with experts in the field by participating in professional meetings and seminars, and by direct personal contact. As a result, I am familiar with the general level of skill of those

considered.
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